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DEPARTMENT OF STATE PRESS BRIEFING. IF NECESSARY OFFICIAL
VERSION WILL FOLLOW:

Q: THE SECRETARY YESTERDAY MENTIONED PROGRESS IN THE TALKS
IN LUANDA ON THE NAMIBIAN SITUATION, AND I WONDER FIRST,
DO YOU HAVE ANY PROGRESS TO REPORT?

SECONDLY, WHO IS THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE AT THOSE TALKS?

AND THIRDLY, HE INDICATED THAT THERE WERE TWO OUT-
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STANDING ISSUES INVOLVED THERE. CAN YOU TELL US WHAT THOSE
ISSUES ARE?

A: I THINK THE TALKS ARE STILL GOING ON, AND I DON'T
HAVE A PROGRESS REPORT ON THEM. I THINK AS THE SECRETARY
SAID YESTERDAY, AND I THINK HE WAS TALKING OVER A PERIOD
OF SEVERAL WEEKS HERE, THERE HAS BEEN PROGRESS MADE ON
RESOLVING THAT NAMIBIAN SITUATION.

I DON'T HAVE A SPECIFIC REPORT FOR YOU ON THE PROGRESS OF
THESE TALKS. THEY ARE NOT YET CONCLUDED, AS I UNDERSTAND IT.
WE ARE REPRESENTED BY OUR AMBASSADOR TO THE SECURITY
COUNCIL, MR. DONALD MC HENRY.

AS TO THE TWO REMAINING ISSUES WHICH SEPARATE THE
PARTIES ON THE FUTURE OF NAMIBIA, I DON'T HAVE A READOUT
ON THOSE ISSUES FOR YOU, SPECIFICALLY.

Q: TOM, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON THE MILITARY COUP IN
MAURITANIA?

A: NOT MUCH. WE HAVE SEEN THE WIRE SERVICE REPORTS AND

THE NEW YORK TIMES ACCOUNT TODAY. THEY APPEAR TO BE
ACCURATE TO US AND CONTAIN AS MUCH INFORMATION AS WE ARE
ABLE TO GET ABOUT THE COUP D'ETAT WHICH TOOK PLACE.

LET ME SAY THAT ALL AMERICANS IN MAURITANIA ARE REPORTED
SAFE AND WELL.
CHRISTOPHER

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